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A 4-STAR Sustainable Community

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Multiple Awards for the Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability

The Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability received two awards October 15, 2015 from the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (TNASLA) at the state conference in Nashville. GREENPRINT 2015/2040: Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan won an honor award in the category of Planning and Analysis: Regional. The blind jury from North Carolina stated that it was “a bold, inclusive project for which the team and community should be commended.” Over 80 regional partners worked on this three-year project funded by a \$2.6 MM HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. Learn more about the plan at www.MidSouthGreenprint.org.



TNASLA Past-President Allen Jones and President Alisha Eley present the award to Office of Sustainability and West TNASLA for their work on the Shelby County rain garden project: Christine Donhardt and President-Elect Michael Shelton.

The Office of Sustainability’s rain garden installation project at the Peggy W. Edmiston Administration Building won a merit award in the category of Natural Resource Conservation: Sustainable Design. This project was funded by a \$20,000 Green Development Grant from TN Stormwater Association. Partners on this project included Shelby County Engineering and West Section TNASLA. The jury said it is a “great story of community coming together.” Learn how to install a rain garden here: www.sustainablesbelby.com/raingardens. Christine Donhardt, ASLA, Senior Planner in the Office of Sustainability was on hand to accept the awards at a banquet Thursday evening.

Earlier in October, the Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability received the Outstanding Plan Award for GREENPRINT 2015/2040 from Tennessee Chapter of American Planning Association at the annual state conference in Chattanooga. The panel of judges, including planners from each division of the state, recognized the extensive public participation process



APA-TN Chapter President Ambre Torbett presented the award to John Zeanah.

involved in the plan effort. John Zeanah, AICP, Administrator of the Office of Sustainability accepted the award during the conference.

Greenprint Plan Adopted by Two More Communities

Municipalities in Fayette County, TN, Shelby County, TN, Crittenden County, AR, and DeSoto County, MS, have voted to adopt GREENPRINT 2015/2040 as the regional green space and sustainability plan. Over the last month, two more municipalities – Horn Lake, MS and Collierville, TN -- made adoptions official, bringing the total to 18.



GREENPRINT 2015/2040 is a 25-year regional plan that charts a course for a more livable and connected Mid-South region through the development of a world-class bicycle and pedestrian network, which includes 500 miles of greenway trails and 200 miles of bicycle lanes. The plan's geography spans three states, extending into four counties through 18 municipalities.

If implemented in its entirety, nearly 80% of the region's residents and nearly 80% of the region's jobs would be within one mile of a proposed corridor.

On November 16, the consortium of organizations and jurisdictions that developed the plan will host the first Greenprint Summit. This public event will provide a forum for Mid-South residents to learn more about the Greenprint plan and about how the efforts of local organizations and jurisdictions are making the plan a reality. More information for this event will be posted at www.MidSouthGreenprint.org.

To view the full list of jurisdictions that have adopted GREENPRINT 2015/2040, [click here](#).

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